That Mysterious Major ...

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"I ask him! Do you dream for one moment that I shall ask him for it?" She began to think she had perhaps been an interested listener to the recent conversation.

wish for the check in order to compare it with your own signature, and the rest becomes easy. Lady Howard, you quite agree with me?"

"And do you suppose that Major Brown's suspicions will not be aroused at once?" exclaimed Evelyn, caring nothing either for her aunt's or for l'alkland's opinion upon the subject. 'No-it is ridiculous! It would be worse than useless!"

"But, Eve dear, surely Mr. Falkland must know better than you."

"He may, of course; but, for all that, I should not like to be the one to make the attempt. If you think your plan will answer, though, why not ask Major Brown yourself?" she added. turning a somewhat indignant look upon Gilbert Falkland. "You have always disliked him; so you ought to be satisfied now if there is a chance of convicting him of forgery."

"Yes, Miss Luttrell, you are right-I had my suspicions of him from the first," returned Falkland, a rather peculiar expression coming into his face. I never dreamed, however, that they would be so speedily realized. But, as to your suggestion. I would willingly follow it if I could, only it is ten to one that where he would most probably comply with one of your requests mine would absolutely fail. But think it over to yourself for half an hour. Anyhow, we must do something to-

ever, as she drew slowly nearer and nearer, to bear the sound of voices and to behold not only her aunt, but Evelyn opened her eyes in amazement. two other figures sitting in the shade of the veranda. One was Falkland made a mistake in pretending she had |-she would have recognized his pale. rather endaverous-looking face a mile away-and the other- Oh it was ab-"Certainly! Did you not understand surd! She must be dreaming! It was You have merely to say you beyond the bounds of possibility! It could not be Major Brown!

Whether it was beyond the bounds of possibility or not, it was certainly the Major who sprang up at her approach. and who moved his chair to one side to allow her to pass with that same spontaneous courtesy which had struck her from the first.

"Dear me, child, where have you been? I thought you were lost!" exclaimed her lasyship by way of greeting. "Ring the bell, dear, and say we are ready for coffee. They are later than usual this evening."

But Evelyn did not utter a word as she passed silently through into rection. the sitting room. At the sight of the Major her heart had given one tremendous bound, and now it was beating almost to suffocation. What was he doing there? What could be the reason? Never before had she seen either her aunt or Falkland making themselves so obviously agreeable to him. Never before had he even been made welcome to their room.

"Miss Luttrell"-it was Falkland who had followed her through the window-"this will be your opportunity. You cannot have a better chance. Go out the instant your aunt leaves the veranda, and in as casual a way as possible try to gain possession of that check."

At the sound of the low, rather hurried words, Evelyn started slightly and

the Major a grudge from the very first, she had felt that, if he could annoy him over anything he would assuredly avail himself of the earliest opportunity. But what was the meaning of this alteration of his manner, considering how determined he had been a short time ago to secure that check without an instant's delay? He was taking her decided refusal to help him in his scheme with wonderful placidity. Yes-he was too calm-far too caim. He must have some other plan in his head. Some other plan? Clearly he was not the kind of man to be so plainly bulked.

The entrance of one of the waiters with a tray of coffee cups diverted her thoughts for a moment. Moving slowly towards the window again, she stood gazing out on the starlit night. Lady Howard, engrossed in an interesting conversation with Major Brown, turn-

ed with a slight start at her approach. "Is that the coffee at last, Evelyn? You might bring it to us out herethe air is so pleasant this evening." Miss Luttrell drew a faint sigh. Re-

turning to the small table where the tray had been placed, she found Falkland hovering over the cups and saucers somewhat uneasily, a sugar basin In his hand.

"Let me see, Miss Luttrell-will you make your nunt's coffee? I believe

you generally do." "Yes-I will make it," replied Evelyn, taking up the half-filled cup of coffee which was nearest to her, filling it with cream, and then carrying it off to Lady Howard without offering as much as a glance in Falkiand's di-

She wished he would not thrust his company so persistently upon her. As he knew how detestable his presence was to her, she wondered he had not the delicacy of feeling to remain on the veranda or to absent himself entirely from her aunt's room for the rest of the evening. But no-it seemed as though he took a delight in tormenting her this evening, for, looking around again, she saw him still standing by the table contemplating the coffee cups in the most meaningless fashion.

Evelyn gave a little gesture of impatience and marched boldly past him; even if Falkland was annoying her, it would never do for Major Brown to suffer in consequence. With this object in view, she took up the cream jug, and was trying to reach another cup of coffee, when Falkland stretched out his arm before her and placed one into her hand.

"For Major Brown, I suppose?" he interrogated, with unusual deference. Evelyn murmured some word of thanks and turned away. But what was it that arrested her attention? What was it that made her start, bend hastily towards the cup, and then, growing whiter than ashes, look round at Falkland?

"By fair means" or "any means." Those were the words he had uttered; and now back in her ears they were ringing, back in her ears she could hear them clanging, clashing, whilst a horrible idea struck her-an idea which seemed almost to paralyze her.

(To be continued.)

Dolar Penance for Sins.

In former times persons guilty of grievous and notorious offenses were required to make open confession, and doing penance publicly in a white sheet in their parish church. The sheet was used to show clearly to everyone which was the offender. The last time that public penance was done in an English church was on Sunday evening, July 20, 1882, when a man named Hartree, in the church of All Saints, East Clevedon, made an open confession of immorality, and promised to perform the penance thus imposed on him by the vicar. No white sheet was used on this occasion. The last ease in which one was used appears to have been one in St. Bridget's church, Chester, in 1851. But on that occasion the penance was not public, the church door being locked. In the previous year, however, public penance in a white sheet was done in a country church in Essex, and a similar thing occurred in Ditton church, near Cambridge, in 1849 .- Stray Stories.

Metropolitan Beggars' Trust.

The New York police have recently made the discovery that most of the successful beggars in the city belong to a trust. The beggars' trust is said to own a large house in Brooklyn, which provides every description of beggars' supplies, including bogus wooden arms, legs, hump backs, pitiful placards for alleged blind men and cripples, etc. The beggars pay the trust a certain percentage of their earnings, and the trust regulates the hours of their labor, selects the districts, furnishes a list of charitably disposed people, and looks after members when ill. The police say that several wealthy and cultured mendicants belonging to the trust live in fashionable flats. Several attended the grand opera last season, and one rides in his own carriage.

Irish Repartee.

From the New York Gael: Many good stories are told in legal circles in Ireland of encounters between lawyers | place. and judges in court. John Philpot Curran, in the early days of his struggle at the bar, appeared in a case before Lord Chancellor Clare, and laid down some points in law which did not find favor in the mind of the judge. "If that be law, I may as well burn my books," said Lord Clare. read them, my lord," replied Curran.

There is no use in praying to God for blessings, unless we are conform

TO CUT OFF REBEL RETREAT

MacArthur Preparing to Hem In Aguinaldo's Ferces.

DRIVING INSURGENTS NORTH.

Recent Small Victories Contribute to the End Desired by Gen. Otta-Senator Morgan Presents Novel Views on the

yesterday by two columns of Gen. Mac-Arthur's division, under Col. Smith and Major O'Brien, is a strong town | calities, situated midway between Angeles and Arayat. The movement is a part of a plan for the Americans to possess all the country to the southeast of Tarlac, as the treops close in on the capital, in that direction. The insurgent force is estimated at 1,000.

Col. Smith first encountered a small | ish rule, force intrenched a quarter-mile beyond Angeles, which soon retreated, leaving two of their number dead. The enemy made a short stand at the outskirts of Barries and San Francisco, briskly shooting at the advancing Americans. Capt. Brush deployed with the advance guard of the battallon and charged the Filipines, who took to flight. Seven Americans were wounded. The Americans almost surrounded the insurgents, who resisted stubbornly, but Lieut, Hamilton's artillery cut them up. Lleut. Slavin's troops captured a company of the enemy, with their arms, during the advance.

Gen. Wheeler's brigade Is formed at Angeles in order to be prepared for a general engagement.

PLAN IS TO SURROUND AGUINALDO.

Officials Predicting That the Rebellion Will Be Crushed in a Month.

New York, Nov. 7 .- A special to the Herald from Washington says: "With forces aggregating more than 30,000 fighting men, Gens, Lawton, MacArthur and Wheaton are now closing in on Aguinaldo's army. Gen. Otis set Nov. 5 and 6 as dates for commencing the campaign 'all along the line,' and the war department has information today that the programme is being carried out. Gen. Otis' dispatches are optimistic in the highest degree, and the officials are predicting that the rebellion will be crushed before the end of the present month and that important victories will be announced within a few days."

Senator Morgan's Opinion.

Washington, Nov. 7 .- "Congress should at once take action in relation to the Philippines," said Senator Morgan. "This action should be taken in the discharge of the duty imposed by section 4, article 4, of the constitution, which provides that the United States should guarantee to every state in this union a republican form of government." The senator said this imposed a distinct duty upon congress, and the discharge of that duty by action looking to the estal ahment of a Philippines would be the best answer | blown up at Wardner. possible to the anti-imperialists. No habitants.

Calls Sulu Group White Elephant. New York, Nov. 7 .- A special to the Herald from Washington says: "We shall never be able to make anything in its recent report, that the Filipinos prove a veritable white elephant. If for the Island of Curacoa in the Carlb- tain reserve. It is pointed out that bean for a consideration we should be fortunate, and it would also secure us a god neighbor in the Philippines."

Uphoids Property Owners.

Beloit, Wis., Nov. 7 .- Judge B. F. Dunwidle of the Circuit court for Rock county today overruled the motion to set aside the injunction issued by Court Commissioner J. B. Dow Inst spring in an action commenced by W. B. Strong in this city against the Wisconsin Telephone company to restrain it from erecting a telephone pole and wires in front of his premises. The telephone company claimed the right to erect lines without the consent or property owners, under a franchise from the city. If this decision is sustained by the Supreme court, telephone and telegraph companies will hereafter be compelled to obtain the consent of Fire Loss of \$400,000 at Wankegan property owners before erecting poles and wires,

May Reject Russian Steamer. San Francisco, Nov. 7.-The Russian steamer Dolney Vastock has arrived from Honolulu in tow of the tug Reliance, her machinery having been broken down just outside the heads. The steamer took a ship load of Japancee to Honolulu and she was to proceed here with all dispatch, to chartered as a transport. Her failure to arrive on time will probably cost her the charter, the British steamer Flintshire having been taken in her

No News of Tennessee Soldiers. San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 7.-The transport Ohio, just arrived at this port, brought no news of the Indiana, vith the Tennezsee volunteers on board. The Indiana is now due here and the reception committee from Tennessee is anxiously awaiting her

Queen Contributes to War Fund-London, Nov. 7 .- The queen has con-

DENBY AND WORCESTER NAMED

May Be Appointed to Rule Philippines with Gen. Otis.

Washington, Nov. 7 .- The Philippine commission will complete its report by the time congress meets, and it is said that the president may request Col. Deuby and Prof. Worcester to return to Manila to continue their investigations, and at the same time assist Con Otis and the natives in arranging local governments. It is now believed by the commissioners that the insurrection will be crushed with-In the next two or three months, and Manila, Nov. 7 .- Magalang, taken that there will be much work to be done in organizing local governments adapted to the various tribes and lo-

The president may act on the suggestion that he select commissioners to govern the island instead of a governor general when peace is restored. Several of the commissioners favor cutting the line of the enemy's retreat | this idea, because it would be a change from the dae-man power which he came so objectionable under the Span-

> The president may, therefore, select Col. Denliy and Prof. Worcester as civil commissioners to act with Gen. Otis in the government of the islands, to show that it is not alone a military

government.

Secretary Root says there is no truth in the report that Gen. Brooke is to be recalled and another governor general appointed for Cuba. Gen. Brooke will remain so long as an army officer is kept as governor general of the island, as he has given perfect satisfaction to the president and the war department. He may be succeeded by a civil governor, but not by another military governor.

THE FILIPINOS LOSE HEAVILY. Sixty Rebels Slain in Skirmish with Our

Troops Manila, Nov. 7 .- Gen. MacArthur

sent Col. Smith with the Seventeenth regiment Sunday to attack the rebels at Magalang, some nine miles northwest of Arayat.

Seventeenth infantry, two guns of the soldered, cooled, labeled and packet First artillery, and a body of engincers, advanced from Angeles, At the same time Major O'Brien, with a buttallon of the Seventeenth infantry and two troops of the Fourth cavalry. moved from Calulut.

The insurgents offered a determined resistance, but had to give way before the American troops. Their loss was very heavy. Major O'Brien's force killed forty-nine insurgents, wounded a large number, and brought in twenty-eight prisoners.

Col. Smith's force killed eleven insurgents, wounded 128 and captured fifty. He also captured many wagons and a large quantity of supplies.

Coeur D'Alene Miners Guilty.

Moseow, Idaho, Nov. 7 .- The jury Sunday returned a verdict of guilty in the case of ten and not guilty in the case of three of the Coeur D'Alene miners who have been on trial here in the United States court on a charge of conspiracy and stopping a United States mail train at Wallace on April republican form of government in the | 29 last, the day on which the mill was

Under the statutes the penalty for attempt should be made, he said, to conspiracy against the United States frame a detailed government for the is a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor further to make satisfaction for the islands as a whole or for any of the more than \$10,000 or not to exceed scandal given by their bad example by various peoples who inhabited them two years' imprisonment or both fine without a thorough understanding of and imprisonment. The defense will all the conditions and needs of the in- carry the case to the Circuit Court of Appeals.

Throws Doubt on the Report

Paris, Nov. 7.- The conclusion of the Philippine commission, as given out of the Sulu group and they will are incapable of self-government, is accepted in a general way by conservwe could exchange them with Holland ative minds here, but yet with a cer-"when the Americans carried war into the Philippines on the pretext of aiding the natives to throw off the Spanish yoke and win their independence, the same language was addressed by the Spaniards to the Americans concerning the incapacity of the Filipinos directing their own affairs."

> Basutos Said to Bave Rison. Cape Town, Nov. 7 .- An unconfirmed report is current here that the Basutos, exasperated by Boer aggression, have risen and are preparing to attack the Orange Free State. A dispatch from Maseru, the capital

of Basutoland, says that the Boers are again urging the Basuto chiefs to rebel. They threaten to shell Maseru and to destroy all who aid the British. The chiefs, however, remain loyal,

Chicago, Nov. 7 .- Although the officials of the American Steel and Wire company feel assured that no lives were lost in the fire which destroyed their plant at Waukegan last Saturday afternoon, a force of workmen will be put to work searching for bodies to set at rest a rumor that two men were seen to fall back from one of the windows into the flames. The loss by the fire will reach \$400,000.

Firing at Seven-Mile Range. Cape Town, Nov. 3 .- (Friday, delayed.)-Advices from Mafeking announce that the Boers placed in posttion a big Pretoria gun seven miles from Mafeking, firing sixteen shots at the town. Only one reached the mark, resulting in the burning of Weil's store. The garrison, having suffered no harm, is jubilant, and an attack from the rear is not expected,

Awfut Engines of Warfare.

London, Nov. 7 .- Transports have just been secured for the Woolwich howitzer brigade, which will be hur-ried to the Cape. The brigade has 10,-600 rounds of five-inch Lyddite shells £1,000 and the prince of awaiting it. According to the enti-Wales £262 to the Transvani war mates, a single shelling fulling into a compact body will kill 300 map.

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night. Every moment is of conse- | suddenly dropped the parasol which quence, andif not by fair means-well, in such a in her hand. case as this I suppose any means are

allowable!" Evelyn's only answer was a deep turned away with a strange inexplicable longing to be left alone to her own thoughts, conflicting ones though they were, to be worried by no more short acquaintance with him and her gunt's strong prejudices, she was be-

est affair had been to her like a blow, that for the time being she was simply stunned by the seriousness of the that everything had been done with one alm and object in view, that all the Major's attentions, his numerous little acts of kindness to both her aunt and herself, had been part of a deeply in'al scheme. It was too terrible to think how easily she had been duped, how she had been carried away by his well assumed courtesies, in many cases falling readily into the traps which had been so ingeniously contrived for her. Yet, as she reviewed the past two weeks, it seemed incredible to her that it should really be so-that a man who could commit such a deliberate felony could at the same time possess such fascinating manners and appear, as he always did, so thorough-

ly at his case. roused herself wearily from her some what harassing reveries, and turned her footsteps in the direction of the brilliant lamplight which was stream-

ing forth from Lady Howard's room. Her aunt had disappeared some time previously, alarmed no doubt by the heavily falling dew, and it was only other side of the room. as the hour was struck by some distant clock that Evelyn remembered she would be waiting for her to make of relief. She was agreeably surprised

We must secure it- she was swinging slowly to and fro

"The check!" she gasped, gazing wildly round. There was no need to wonder any

sigh as she rose slowly to her feet and longer what the unusual affability meant. The Major had not been proclaimed innocent of the forgery, as she in a vague sense of despair had almost imagined. It was clear why he cross-questioning or cynical taunts had been welcomed so warmly into concerning the man whom, despite her their private room; and yet, as her eyes rested for one brief moment upon the accused as he stood talking to ginning to regard with something her aunt, a handsome, wonderfully diswhich was not exactly mere interest. tinguished-looking man in his fauit-No wonder, therefore, that this lat- less evening dress, all her old feelings of incredulity came back to her as forcibly as ever. She forgot any doubts and suspicions that she had, discovery. She could hardly believe never for an instant remembered the episode of the birthday book and the strange manoeuvres he had adopted to secure a specimen of her writing and her signature, and with a decided shake of her head put an immediate veto upon Falkland's carefully work-

ed out plan. "Then you refuse to do anything in the matter? Really, Miss Luttrell, you astonish me!" observed Falkland, a cynical smile curling his lips, "But you have a tender heart, I suppose, and dislike the thought of your elegant friend being provided with a suit of brond arrows at the nation's ex-

pense. "I refuse," returned Evelyn, her head erect, her eyes flashing, "simply because I am certain that Major Brown It was growing dark when Evelyn is as innocent of forging that check as"-pausing to add greater emphasia to her words-"as you are!"

"Oh, very well-there is nothing more to be said, I suppose!" was Falkland's calm reply as he turned away and, without even attempting to argue the point further, walked across to the Evelyn looked after him with an air

of satisfaction, and then drew a sigh by the way in which he had received ing our lives to his word .- Rev. A. C. Great was her astonishment, how- her refusal; knowing that he owed Peyton.